Computerized ticketing facility at Wankaner Junction

2077. SHR VIJAY KUMAR RUPANI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) how many railway stations have been computerized in Rajkot division of Western Railways;

(b) whether it is a fact that Rajkot Divisional Railway Manager has recommended to computerize Wankaner Junction; and

(c) if so, what is the latest position of Wankaner Junction getting computerized ticketing facility?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) (i) Computerized Passenger Reservation System (PRS) are available at Rajkot, Okha, Dwarka, Jamnagar, Hapa, Bhaktinagar, Surendranagar & Morvi.

(ii) Computerized Unreserved Ticketing System (UTS) are available at Rajkot, Surendraganar & Jamnagar.

(b) and (c) PRS cum UTS at Wankaner has already been sanctioned Procurement of equipment is under process.

Explosion and bomb blasts in trains

2078. SHRI VIJAY KUMAR RUPANI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of explosion and blasts took place in train during 2004-05, 2005-06 and till date and number of lives lost in such incidents, incident-wise and year-wise;

(b) the steps taken by Government to avoid the reoccurrence of such incidents;

(c) the number of persons arrested or detained in connection to the various blasts in trains during 2004-05, 2005-06 and till date and the details of legal steps taken against them;

(d) whether Government are considering to restrict the entry of the people other than passenger on platform and in bogies;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) The number of explosion and bomb blasts in trains and number of lives lost in such incidents during 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007 (upto February) are as under:—

Year	Number of Incidents	Number of lives lost
2004	3	1
2005	1	9
2006	2	194
2007	1	68

Brief details of each incident are given in the enclosed statement (*See* below).

(b) The following measures are being taken to improve security arrangements at important and vulnerable Railway Stations:—

> Nurnber of trained sniffer dogs in the existing Railway Protection Force Dog Squads are being increased.

> Bomb Detection and Disposal equipments, Close Circuit Television, Hand Held Metal Detectors, Door Frame Metal Detectors are being provided at sensitive Railway stations for anti-sabotage checks.

> To upgrade training centers to improve quality of training to Railway Protection Force personnel, Jagjivan Ram Railway Protection Force Academy, Lucknow has already been upgraded as Centralized Training Institute.

> Intensive publicity and public awareness campaigns alerting and educating all passengers/public to remain vigilant against any unidentified/unclaimed suspicious objects lying on platforms, railway premises or coaches and to report to Railway Protection Force/ Government Railway Police/Railway officials available nearby.

> Close co-ordination with GRP, State Police and Central Intelligence agencies for regular exchange of intelligence information.

(c) 02 persons in 2004 and 13 persons in 2006 were arrested and prosecuted under the provisions of law.

(d) to (f) The Standing Committee on Railways in their 21st Report on Terminal Facilities in Metropolitan Cities has recommended that only genuine passengers with the restricted number of accompanying persons should be allowed at the platforms as is being done in the case of airports. Efforts are being made to have a consensus view on the subejct. Therefore, no formal decision on this recommendation has yet been taken.

Statement

BRIEF DETAILS OF EACH INCIDENT OF EXPLOSION AND BOMB BLASTS IN TRAINS

Sl.	Date	Rly	Division	Case Regst. Details	Location	Brief Description
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1.	23-03-04	ER	Howrah	G.D. No. 1449/04 GRP/Howrah	Coaching yard/ Tikiapara	While some staff were working in Pantry Car. some foreign material suddenly exploded causing injury to two Rly. staff.
2.	23-03-04	ECR	Danapur	No. 17/2004 u/s 324.326.307.427 IPC and 3/4 E.S. Act GRP/ Bakhtiarpur	Km. No. 523/6 bet. Fatuh-Bankaghat Rly. Stns.	An explosion took place in sleeper coach of T. No. 2303 Up causing injury to nine passengers.
3	12-07-04	SCR	Secunderabad	No. 110/2004 u/s 5 and 9 (B)(b) IEA r/w 5 Explosive Rules.1983 IRP/ Wadi	At Chitapur Rly. Yard.	A bomb exploded in empty coach No. 98434 of T.No. 355 Pass resulting which death of one person who was sleeping keeping a bag of explosives underneath his head. On duty. Constable/RPF arrested two of his colleagues.
4	28/07/05	NR	Lucknow	No. 30/05 u/s 438 IPC, 152, 153 RA. 3/5 ESA GRP/ Jaunpur	Near Gate No. 31-B bet. Harpalganj-Kohanpur Rly. Stns.	A bomb exploded in general coach No. 98466 of Train No. 2391 (Shramjivi Exp.) causing death of 09 passengers and injury of 58 passengers.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
5.	11/07/06	WR	Mumbai	GRPs/Andheri Cr No. 41/06. Borivali Cr. No. 156/06. BCT Cr. No. 77 & 78/06, Bandra/Cr. No. 86 and 87/06 and Vasai Road Cr. No. 59/06 under various Sections of law.	Mumbai sub-urban section Serial Bomb Blasts (7)	Series of bomb blasts took place in Ist class compartments of T. No. 637 at 18.24 hrs. T No. 635 at 18.24 hrs. T. No. 619 at 18.25 hrs. T.No. 641 at 18.26 hrs., T.No. 607 at 18.29 hrs. T.No 645 at 18.30 hrs. and T.No. 621 at 18.35 hrs. at bandra. Khar. Jogeswari, Mahim, Mira Road, Matunga and Borivali Railway stations respectively. Due to this 186 passengers including 18 Railway Employees died and 534 persons including 34 Railway Employees were injured.
6.	20/11/06	NFR	Katihar	No. 31/06 U/S 302, 323, 324, 326, 307. 120 (B) IPC R/W section 3/4 E.S. Act and 151 and 152 RA. GRPS/New Jalpaiguri	At Belakohba. Rly Stn. in New Jalpaiguri-Haldibari section	A powerful bomb exploded in general coach of T. No. 618 (NJP-Haldibari Passenger) causing 8 persons died and 45 injured. On 16.01.2007. West Bengal Police arrested one Gopal Rabha a Guthai Rabha from Guwahati who has been identified as a prime suspect of the incident.
7.	18/02/07	NR	Delhi	No. 28/07 u/s 302, 307, 324 (a), 438 IPC. 150. 151, 152 RA. 3/4/5 ESA. 3.4 PDPP Act GRP/ Panipat	Km. No. 87/5-7 near Diwana Rly. Stn. in Delhi-Panipat section	Explosions took place in coach Nos. NR 03431 Samjhauta Express resulting fire broke out subsequently. Both the coaches were badly damaged. Due to this. 68 passengers (44 identified-36 Pakistani. 8-Indians including 3 RPF personnel who were on escorting duty and 1 TTE) died and 12 (10 Pakistani and 2 Indians unjured BD&DS

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
						and FSL declared "Explosion of Incendiary bombs" and also recovered 4 live bombs from a suitcase

Unmanned Railway Crossings

2079. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of unmanned railway crossings in the State of Andhra Pradesh, district-wise;

(b) what are the plans before his Ministry for converting them into manned crossings;

(c) whether any study has been carried out to find out the vulnerable unmanned crossing in Andhra Pradesh;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) what steps his Ministry has taken to man the above vulnerable unmanned crossings in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU) : (a) The information on level crossings is maintained Zone wise and State wise but not District wise. However, as on 01.04.2006, there were 1,363 unmanned Level Crossings in the State of Andhra Pradesh.

(b) to (e) As per extant rules, in case an unmanned level crossing provided initially and maintained at the cost of the Railways needs manning/ upgrading/posting of additional gatekeeper due to increase in road traffic, the cost both initial as well as recurring and maintenance has to be borne by the State Government/Road Authority concerned. However, keeping in view the grave consequences of accidents at unmanned level crossings, Railways have decided to man vulnerable level crossings based on the traffic volume and visibility conditions at the unmanned level crossings for which railways have laid down certain criteria. The vulnerable locations are also determined during periodical census done at Level Crossings. Manning of such level crossings found vulnerable in the census is done progressively.